

Series: Building for Tomorrow

## A Celebration That Keeps on Giving

1 Chronicles 29:6-19 (NIV)

**We can celebrate today because:**

### 1. GENUINE LEADERSHIP MODELS GENEROSITY.

v. 9 *“The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord. David the king also rejoiced greatly.”*

- Leadership is influence.
- When we give freely, it frees us up to celebrate.
- Giving willingly is contagious.

### 2. WE UNDERSTAND THE SOURCE OF OUR ABILITY TO GIVE.

v. 12 *“Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.”*

v. 14 *“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.”*

- We must learn to put our contributions in perspective.
- We are managers not owners.

v. 16 *“O Lord our God, as for all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name, it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you.”*

- Without God giving us the ability, we could give nothing.

### 3. WE CAN BE A PART OF SOMETHING THAT WILL OUTLAST US.

v. 15 *“We are aliens and strangers in your sight, as were all our forefathers. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope.”*

- We only have a short time to make our mark on this world.
- Giving not only lets us celebrate the victories, it gives us buy-in.

v. 18 *“O Lord, God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep this desire in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you.”*

- We can celebrate when we give because we know we are a part of what God is doing.

Psalm 107:21-22 (NIV)

*Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men.*

<sup>22</sup>*Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy.*

**We celebrate not because we have given, we celebrate because we have experienced what it is like to obey God and join Him in His mission to change lives.**